



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Jannis Stavrianopoulos et al.)
Serial No.: 10/763,088)
Filed: January 22, 2004)
For: **LABELING REAGENTS AND LABELED**)
TARGETS COMPRISING NONMETALLIC)
PORPHYRINS)

Group Art Unit: 1637

Examiner: Jezia Riley

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REPLY AND AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO
JULY 11, 2008 OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sirs:

This Reply and Amendment (hereinafter referred to as "Reply") is in response to the Office Action mailed on July 11, 2008 (hereinafter referred to as "Office Action", a copy of which is attached herein as Exhibit 1) in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the Office Action was due on October 11, 2008. This Reply is accompanied by a three-month Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), attached herein as Exhibit 2. A response to the Office Action is now due on January 11, 2009. As such, this Reply is being timely filed.

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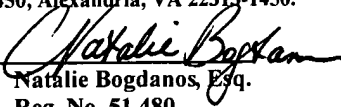
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